

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

### EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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#### EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

*Announcement.*—The meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California, which was to be held at Del Monte, May 11, 12, 13, [1920] this year, has been transferred to Santa Barbara on the same dates. This was necessitated through the discovery that the Hotel Del Monte, which is the only caravansary capable of accommodating a large number of members, was unable to give us the dates assigned by our By-Laws. . . .

*State Bureau of Child Hygiene.*—The Bureau of Child Hygiene of the State Board of Health became an entity following the passage of a law at the last legislative, but the director of this bureau was not appointed until the State Civil Service Commission certified physicians who had passed an examination. . . .

*California's Mineral Springs.*—Of all therapeutic methods in use by the medical profession few, doubtless, can claim the antiquity, and unreserved commendation of immemorial use, so thoroughly as baths and the use of mineral springs both internally and externally. . . .

A recent bulletin of the University of Southern California is devoted to a most readable article by Professor G. E. Bailey on some hot springs of Southern California. Being a geologist, Professor Bailey describes with authority the natural resources of the state in mineral springs. . . .

*Annual Meeting of the League of Public Health.*—The third annual meeting of the League for the Conservation of Public Health was held in the Blue Room of the St. Francis Hotel, December 29. A complete review of the comprehensive work of the League was given in a report by Dr. Charles D. McGettigan, Chairman of the Executive Committee. . . .

From this report of the Executive Committee, we find that representatives of the League have been very busy during the past year, as they have traveled more than 50,000 miles through California in advancing the purposes to which the League is dedicated. That there was no lost motion, and that the good seed that was sown on the ground covered was growing sturdily was evidenced by abundant facts. . . .

It is not only the medical profession, which has too long endured the heavy handicap imposed by misfit methods of poor hospitals, that is welcoming the work of the League, but Chambers of Commerce and business organizations in several communities have enlisted the services of the League to develop hospital sentiment and make proposed new hospitals community service centers.

Another worthy enterprise of the League that is of interest not only to all the ethical members of the medical profession but to all the people of the State, is the

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† This column, compiled by the undersigned, strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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### Board Proceedings

The date of the next meeting of the Board has been changed from March 5-8 as originally advertised to February 27-March 2. The place of meeting will be the Elks Club, Los Angeles. This was necessitated by circumstances over which the Board has no control. Every effort is being made to notify all applicants and others concerned as to this change of meeting date.

The number of applicants for reciprocity from other states of the United States and from the various military services is still far above normal and the Board has increased the number of oral examinations in an effort to meet the situation.

### News

"Proposed legislation making important changes in the procedure of State administrative boards and bureaus has been given final approval by the State judicial council and will be introduced at the January session of the legislature, it was announced yesterday by Chief Justice Phil S. Gibson, judicial council chairman. Judge Gibson declared that the right of the individual to appeal to the courts from the rulings of these agencies will be preserved, 'simplified and clarified.' However, he said, the proposed amendments 'will also direct the courts to consider the public interest involved before restraining the effect of a board order while the case is pending in the courts.' The judicial council undertook its inquiry into administrative agency procedure at the request of the 1943 legislature. Its major recommendations, according to Judge Gibson, include: Substitution of a department of administrative procedure in place of the present department of professional and vocational standards, and giving its continuing responsibility to improve the operation of all State boards and commissions." (San Francisco Examiner, December 12, 1944.)

"Attorney General Kenny ruled yesterday that service medical officers not licensed in California may treat civilian visitors in national parks if a civilian doctor is not employed. The opinion was sought by the Board of Medical Examiners which questioned whether a Navy doctor stationed at Yosemite National Park for the benefit of servicemen that were quartered there could serve civilians." (San Francisco News, December 12, 1944.)

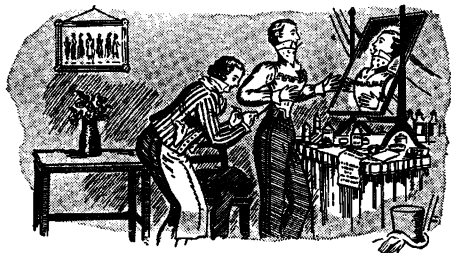
"Convicted of what the judge termed a technical violation of the law through sale of sodium pentobarbital, Lyle Daniel Potter of the Medical Specialties Co. at 2428 West Sixth Street, was today granted immediate probation by Municipal Judge C. Newell Carns and a \$15 fine. Attorney Everett Leighton, representing Potter, charged entrapment, claiming that a deputy sheriff, Robert G. Johnston, posed as a physician in buying the

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drug with marked money." (Los Angeles *Herald & Express*, December 8, 1944.)

(Press Dispatch—Folsom)—"Appointment of a resident physician for Folsom State Prison was announced today by Associate Warden Robert A. Heinze. Taking the post, which has been vacant for several years, is Dr. Orvall Smiley resident physician for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Big Bend (Calif.) project, and formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. Doctor Smiley will take over medical work now being done part time by two private practitioners, Dr. Paul De Witt Barnes of Loomis, California, and Dr. J. F. McAnally of Roseville." (San Francisco *Examiner*, December 29, 1944.)

"In temporary hospitals located only a few thousand yards behind the front lines, highly skilled medical officers of the U. S. Army daily are saving the lives of American soldiers. At such forward surgeries, tents usually are the only shelter, and packing crates often are used to support stretchers or improvised operating tables. Water must be heated over small stoves for the bathing of soldier patients. Although the forward hospitals often are within range of enemy guns, surgical teams work on so long as there are casualties who require treatment. As proof of the success of their efforts, 97 per cent of the wounded treated in this war have survived. Medical officers are to be found wherever American fighting men are stationed. They fly with the airborne troops, jump with the paratroopers, and land on enemy held beachheads with amphibious forces. The medical officers, Army nurses and enlisted personnel of the Medical Department work courageously and long to care for American soldiers. But many more medical officers and Army nurses are needed to assure our fighting men the finest possible care." (Lomita, Calif., *News*, December 7, 1944.)

## MENNINGER SANITARIUM

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be a major aim of the foundation, for which a psychiatric hospital unit costing \$750,000 is contemplated. . . .

Estimates for postgraduate education, including training for young psychiatrists, physicians returning from military service, nurses, teachers and others, were placed at \$105,000; for research, \$149,000; for scholarships for promising children, \$30,000, and for publication, \$5,000.

An urgent need for psychiatrists and psychiatric treatment for mentally ill war veterans returning at the rate

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